SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH
Coven, Staffordshire

A parish of the Diocese of Lichfield under the episcopal oversight of the Bishop of Oswestry
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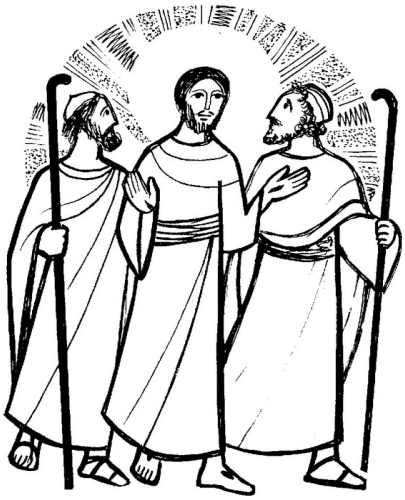
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
19 April 2026



In today's Gospel Luke recounts how Jesus appeared to two disciples on the road the first Easter evening, explaining the scriptures to them and revealing himself in the breaking of bread. In the same way he opens the scriptures and reveals himself to us at every Eucharist.

216	The day of resurrection
709	Light of the minds that know him
425	Be known to us in breaking bread
10	Abide with me, fast falls the eventide*

**Although traditionally an evening hymn*, Abide with me *is based on the words of today's gospel, when the two disciples invite Jesus into their home to stay with them.*

Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus until Pentecost

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

O God, who through the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst give joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech thee, that aided his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Welcome to Saint Paul's. This morning's service can be followed in the green booklets you were given as you came in, with hymns from the red hymn book. A collection will be taken during the second hymn.

We welcome as celebrant this morning Father John Oakes. Father Paul is taking some time off following Darquise's eye operation.

This week at Saint Paul's:
Said Mass, Wednesday, 10.30am.
Funeral of Ann Hall, Thursday, 10.45am.
Confirmation Class, Thursday, 4.00pm at the
Coffee Pop-in, Saturday, 10.30am. [Vicarage

We are planning a **coffee morning and plant sale** for church funds, Saturday 16 May from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Your donations of plants and cakes are welcome. Please support us on the day.

Other events: *Lichfield Forward in Faith Summer Meeting and AGM*, Tuesday 5 May at 7.00pm at Saint Paul's – speaker, Fr Mark McIntyre on the history of the Society of our Lady of Walsingham; *Next PCC*, Thursday 15 May, 7.00pm at the Vicarage; *Annual Parish Meeting*, Sunday 24 May after the 10.00am Mass.

We pray for the sick: Pauline Appleby, Fr Frank Kirby, Iris Ward, Darquise, Ethan, Nikki; for the recently departed; and for those whose anniversaries occur this week: David Brookes, Iris Jarvis, Olive Reynolds, David Mills.

Saint Paul's, like any parish of the Church of England, relies on the generosity of those who worship here. Please leave your offering on the plate or donate by bank transfer to: St Paul's Parochial Church Council, Coven, AC 02115540, Sort code 30-99-83.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Third Week of Easter

Monday	Acts 6.8-15
Easter weekday	John 6.22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7.1-8.1
Saint Anselm	John 6.30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8.1-8
Easter weekday	John 6.3-40
Thursday	Revelation 12.10-12
Saint George	Luke 9.23-26
Friday	Acts 9.1-20
Easter weekday	John 6.52-59
Saturday	1 Peter 5.5-14
Saint Mark the Evangelist	Mark 16.15-20
Next Sunday	Acts 2.36-41; 1 Peter 2.20-25
Fourth Sunday of Easter	John 10.1-10